



**CELEBRATION:** Four members perform the garland dance, which is unique to the group

## Dancers put best clog forward to celebrate

SHOPPERS were able to help a morris dancing group celebrate its 30th anniversary.

The Rumworth Morris of Bolton was founded in 1976 and they dance a traditional North-west style of Morris. The all-male troop, made up of 14 dancers and five musicians, aged 11 to 66, perform four times a year and rehearse once a month at Deane Church hall, Rumworth.

Founding member Peter Bearon, aged 52, said: "We perform Lancashire Morris which was traditionally associated with church rush carts.

"We dance in clogs and use ropes instead of hankies.

"We've performed at all the major folk festivals and even in The Albert Hall in London. It's a good way to keep fit because it can be quite energetic and it's nice to feel part of a tradition.

"Some of our former members were able to join us on Saturday to celebrate our anniversary which made the day even more special."

Part of the Bolton performance featured the garland dance - a routine only performed by the Rumworth troop.

For further information about the group call Peter Bearon on 01942 816 569.